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**The Parish of St. Theresa
Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey**



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually, and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: *Kevin Brady, Kim Coyle, Maureen Dwyer, Johnny Favro, Chuck Griffin, Peter Hummel, Justin Marchese, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, Rita Murray, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Samantha Saraceno, Valerie Schaffer, Nick Steiger.*



WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *our recently deceased*. May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.



WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are currently deployed, especially: *Sr. Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCPl Christopher Hansen, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Airmen Tech Sgt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Sgt. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., Nicholas Roesch, Capt. Amanda Southard, LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.* May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, your harvest needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for the Diocese of Trenton, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen. Follow us on Instagram: **TrentonMakesPriests**



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is **no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. *“Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”*¹³⁰ We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail themselves of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – January 3, 2026

4:00 PM – Schaefer Family/ The Lorraines
 Catherine Kozzi/ Marjorie Annette
 Connie Gargone/ Arlene & Bob Keenan
 Mike & Caitlyn McMahon/ Moran
 Family

SUNDAY – January 4, 2026

7:30 AM – Joseph LaCasale/ Piscola Family
 Sabastian Panza/ Millie & Phil Cross
 Elizabeth Long-Furia/ Rose Faiss
 Sheree Barone/ Maria

9:00 AM – Sherly Worth-Farfalla/ Ann & Dave
 Connie Gargone/ Debra
 Albert Pifer/ Ron & Patty Krup
 Andrew & Barbara Guerriero/ Fran &
 Victor Vitello

11:30 AM – Barbara Hobbs-Fernie/ Carol & Don
 Fine
 Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah &
 Joseph
 Larry Weimer/ Family
 Ed & Ana Lyn Daproza/ Mila



Bread & Wine

In Memory Of: Eleanor Laux
 Requested by: Sister, Marie

Sanctuary Light

In Memory Of: Larry Tevnan
 Requested By: Eileen Tevnan



Readings for Next Weekend

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – January 5, 2026

8:00 AM – Vincenza Rivelli/ Daughter
 Sonny Russo/ Robert & Sandra
 Margavich

TUESDAY – January 6, 2026

8:00 AM – (L) Sister Trinita Solnek/ Peggy
 Madison
 Cirilo, Emma & Judy Fernandez/
 Family

WEDNESDAY- January 7, 2026

8:00 AM – Connie Gargone/ Carl & Gladys Salva
 Elizabeth C. Long-Furia/ Maria

THURSDAY – January 8, 2026

8:00 AM – Arlene Asterita/ Eileen Dolan
 Lisa Nester/ Maureen Champion

FRIDAY – January 9, 2026

8:00 AM – Elizabeth C. Long-Furia/ Bill Long
 Doris B. Holloman/ Linda & Bill Gruss

SATURDAY – January 10, 2026

4:00 PM – Allee Family/ The Lorraines
 Shawn Anthony Pluta/ Angelo & Lorraine
 Pagano
 Michael & Margaret Thurel/ Moran
 Family
 Brian Fedele/ Charlotte O'Donnell

SUNDAY – January 11, 2026

7:30 AM – Elizabeth Cross/ Millie & Phil Cross
 Nicholas Frodelly/ Nancy Frodelly
 Matthew Dallman/ Tony & Pam
 Camiscioni
 Joseph Macejko, Sr./ Virginia Esposito

9:00 AM – Joseph Sciancalepore/ Wife, Judy
 Jack Murray/ Wife, Rita
 Joe Ernst/ Friend
 Elizabeth Long-Furia/ Peggy Madison

11:30 AM – Warren Perez/ Don & Carol Fine
 Shawn Anthony Pluta/ Ann Wilton
 Sandra Donato/ Jersey Girls
 (L) William Francis Murphy/ Maureen
 Wolfe

JANUARY

Monday, January 5, 2026

Altar Rosary Society 1:30 PM

Children's Faith Formation 5:30 PM

Al-Anon 7:15 PM

Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Monthly 50-50 Drawing (Parish Office)

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)

Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church)

OCIA 7:00 PM (Faith Formation Center)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 8, 2026

NO Events Scheduled

Friday, January 9, 2026

Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Daily Chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 - 4:00 PM

Evening Prayer with Benediction 4:00 PM
(Daily Chapel)

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale

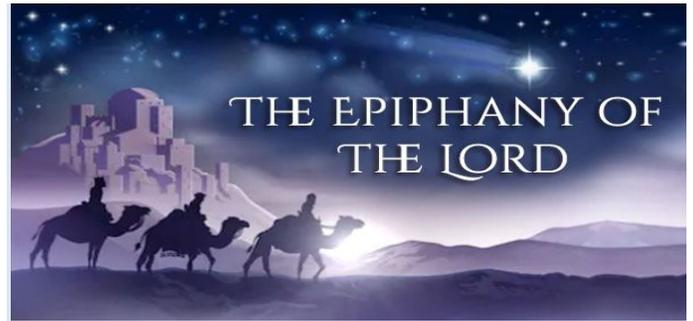
SUPER EASTER 50/50 on Sale
(Gathering Space)

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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(Gathering Space)

Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM
(Church & Faith Formation Center)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ, "*members of the same body and sharers of the promise.*"

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Consider & Reflect

"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people of other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Holiday travel has ended. The journey, our new year has begun. It seems we were like the Magi. We move from the gifts, the star, and seek to understand the meaning of today as we begin 2026. We might say the secret is revealed, telling us who we are. Saint Paul reveals it to us. First, we are beneficiaries of the gift of new life. We have been claimed by God as members of His church, which membership should never just be presumed or taken for granted. He tells us thirdly; we are copartners in His ministry. May my resolution for this year be to find ways to deepen my commitment to Christ, as His partner, in my own parish. As Ephesians states, it is for our benefit.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, January 10, 2026- 4:00 PM

CELEBRANT: TBD

READER: Art Midgley

ALTAR SERVERS: Kim Werling, Raelyn Lewis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Ann Marie Rehrmann, Jack Stewart, John Kern, Susan Geldart, Cathy Mills, Janet Pascavitch

Sunday, January 11, 2026- 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: TBD

READER: Linda Sherry

ALTAR SERVER: Alex Acquaviva

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Mary Schneider, Arlene Murray, John Minnella, Ginny Biely

Sunday, January 11, 2026- 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: TBD

READER: John Brady

ALTAR SERVERS: Jillie Aucoin, Zachary Aucoin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Peggy Madison, Justin Peticolas, Suzanne Hughes, Terry Walsh, Kathy Barneman, Diane Ellwood

Sunday – January 11, 2026- 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: TBD

READER: Carl Klotzbach

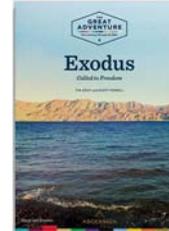
ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Clayton, Justin McCarthy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Desiree Ott, Mila Daproza, Norma Mooney, Rose Wilson, Nelida Kuhlmann, Ann Burg

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Formation Team will offer a ten-week study on **Exodus: Called to Freedom**



The study will begin **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 9:30 am** OR **Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:30 am OR 7:00 pm**

Discover how the Exodus story is not just Israel's story, but also our own, as it reveals who God is and what He calls us to be. Discover the divine purpose behind the plagues on Egypt and explore how God's law reflects his love and concern for us.

Produced by Ascension Press, Exodus will consist of 10 sessions, each featuring a 30-minute DVD presentation followed by a table discussion and a question-and-answer follow-up.

The cost is \$35.00

Registration will be held on **this weekend** after all Masses. Please call MJ Piechocki at 304-268-4816 with any questions.



2026 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Calendars are located in the Gathering Space, the Kiosk, on the table by the Daily Chapel and at the Parish Office. Please feel free to take as many as you would like.



KNIGHT'S KORNER #26

How many of us have said something like “*There’s not enough time. I wish there were more hours in the day.*” Really? You would like to change God’s design? His design is perfect. The problem is user error.

People think they don’t have enough time. That is absolutely not true. We have absolutely the exact amount of time to do what we **SHOULD** be doing. But:

- *We don’t have enough time to waste time
- *We don’t have time to be selfish
- *We don’t have time to get angry
- *We don’t have time to criticize
- * We don’t have time to make bad decisions
- *We don’t have time to be victims
- *We don’t have time for ego
- *We don’t have time to gossip

Get the picture?

How much time did we spend in sin today? God didn’t build that time into our schedules. We need to stop worshiping at the altar of “*more.*” We don’t have enough time for that.

Let me tell you what we **DO** have plenty of time for:

- *We have plenty of time to love and to be loved
- *We have plenty of time to be grateful
- *We have plenty of time to be generous
- *We have plenty of time to flourish and be content
- *We have plenty of time to love our God with our whole heart, with our whole mind and our whole soul

Get the picture?

We don’t need more time. We have plenty of time to do God’s will. If we needed more time, God would have given us more time. More time isn’t the answer. The answer is careful usage of it, prayerful discernment, a grateful heart, and acknowledgment of the reality that we will not be here forever.

Use your time wisely.



SUPERBOWL WING SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling wings for Super Bowl Sunday!

Preorder your wings the weekends of:

January 17th & 18th

and

January 24th & 25th

after all the Masses in the Gathering Space

Cost: \$15.00 a dozen with Discounts for multiple dozens purchased

The wings will be a deep-fried dry rub with a choice of three sauces: BBQ, Ranch and/or Blue Cheese.



COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you were unable to pick up your envelopes from the Church, you may pick them up at the Parish Office during office hours.

If you are going away this winter, please let us know and we will hold your envelopes until you return.

If you have any questions, please call Katrina at the Parish Office at Ext. 232.



AL-ANON

Al-Anon is a mutual support group of peers who share their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in their lives.

Al-Anon meets **every Monday** at **7:15 PM** in the Faith Formation Center. Please visit

www.al-anon.org

Toy Drive

Giving Children Hope

CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you who bought toys, bicycles, gifts, gift cards, etc. and to those who contributed money this year to our **Annual Christmas Sharing Program**. The parents were truly touched by your generosity and were most grateful.

This year, we were able to help **120** families and provided almost **1,000** toys and gifts for over 380 children. Our monetary contributions enabled us to purchase bike helmets, coats, some much-needed clothes, and to help some of the families with bills and other incidentals.

Many people volunteered and contributed to the success of this year's program: the Parish Staff and Office Volunteers, Ray & Maize Wood, Maryann Alburger, Mary Jane McLarney, Laura & Russ Albert, Ray & Megan Mazanek, Joana & Bob Schmidt, Bonnie Callahan, Barbara Sterner, Melissa Derr, Alice Mankowski.

Special thanks to the following young people who sorted all the toys: **Rory Krier, Ellie Krier, Jack Krier, Brynn Krier, Alexis Cavalcanti, Gabriella Worthley, Adeen Arellano, Guards Cittadino, Leah Schmidt, Emma Mazanek, Charlie Mazanek, Caleb Derr.**

May God Bless you all in the New Year!

Winter

SECOND COLLECTION – January 11, 2026

Winter Collection

The second Collection next weekend is our Annual Winter Collection. This Collection will help to offset winter costs such as snow removal, heating and lighting. Please be as generous as possible.

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A NEW EASTER SUPER 50/50

**Drawing to be held
after the Easter Vigil**

Book of 4 tickets - \$100.00

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Items needed this month:

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Hamburger Helper type packaged products, ravioli, canned soups, canned pastas, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice, and pasta.

Thank you!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on **Fridays** in the Daily Chapel following the 8:00 AM Mass and closing with Evening Prayer and Benediction at **4:00 PM**.

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour or so in the presence of our Lord each week.



PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER
Needed!

We are looking for volunteer receptionists for our Parish Office. Hours are 8:30 AM - 12 Noon or 1:00 – 4:00 PM. If you could help, please contact Katrina in the parish office at 609-296-2504 ext. 232

THE HOLY ROSARY

*The Altar Rosary Society prays the Holy Rosary on the **First Sunday** of the month after the 11:30 AM Mass in the Daily Chapel.*



*The Respect Life Ministry prays the Holy Rosary on the **Last Sunday** of the month after the 11:30 AM Mass in the Daily Chapel.*

THE ROSARY OF
THE SEVEN SORROWS
and
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS – 3:00 PM

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows has long-standing roots in the Church’s devotional life. As you pray the prayers, you meditate on seven specific sorrows of Our Lady. The graces promised through the Seven Sorrows Rosary also tie in to the Divine Mercy message. Divine Mercy offers us a pathway home to Christ and His Church.

We hope you join us in these devotions to our Blessed Mother!



PHONES & COMPUTERS

Below are the extensions for our parish staff. Once connected, it is not necessary to listen to the entire announcement - you may dial the extension at any time. Also listed are the email addresses for the staff.

Reception: Office Volunteers Ext. 221

Parish Coordinator/Assistant to the Pastor:
Cathy Mazanek - Ext. 222 -
Cathy.Mazanek@sttheresa450.org

Finance Manager/HR: Christina Gile –
Ext. 223 ChrisGile@sttheresa450.org

Children’s Faith Formation Director:
Joana Schmidt - Ext. 224
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Deacon: David O’Connor
Deacon.David@sttheresa450.org

Deacon: Jay Werling – Ext. 225
Deacon.Jay@sttheresa450.org

Facilities: Michael Gavina – Ext. 227
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Music Director: Joe Dalton - Ext. 228
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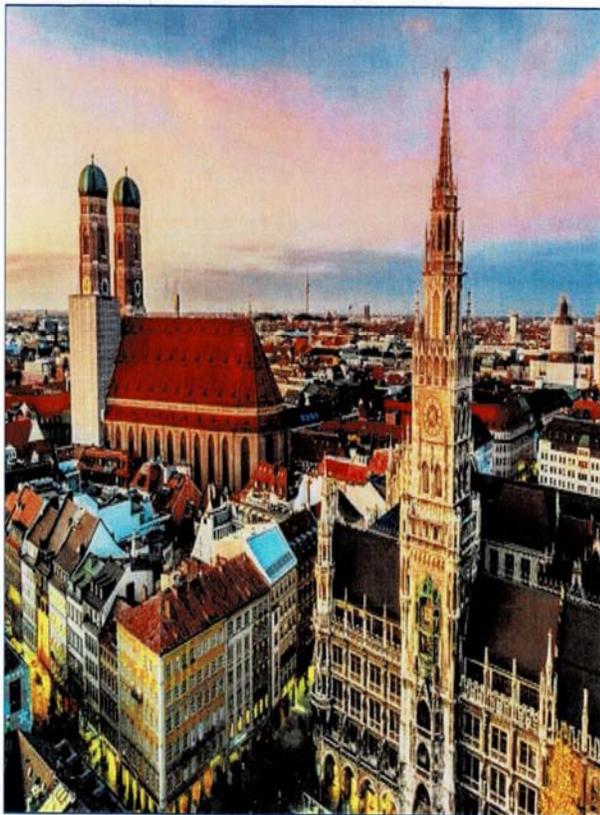
Parish Secretary: Katrina Barrett - Ext. 232
Katrina.Barrett@sttheresa450.org

Pastor: Fr. Gerry Johnson - Ext. 234
Father.Gerry@sttheresa450.org

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Dean Gaudio - Ext. 233
Father.Dean@sttheresa450.org

For general questions, our parish email address is info@sttheresa450.org

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Spiritual Leader: **Fr. Gerry Asirvatham**

Date	Duration	Destination
April 20 - 30, 2026	11 days	Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy

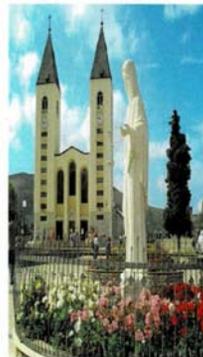
Munich (Frauenkirche) · Altotting (Jerusalem Panorama) · Salzburg (Maria Von Trapp) · Dachau (Concentration Camp) · Seefeld (Eucharistic Miracle) · Liechtenstein (tiny country) · Einsiedeln (Marian shrine) · Lucerne · Orselina (Santuario de la Madonna del Sasso) · Milan (Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci) · Pavia (San Pietro in Ciel d Oro) · Mesero (St. Gianna Beretta Molla) · Castelnuovo Don Bosco (St. John Bosco) · Turin (Shroud) · Oropa (Marian Shrine) · Biella

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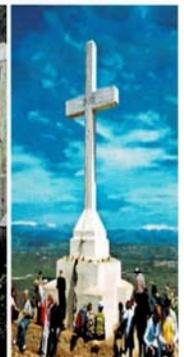
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